

## A DEAL IN POLITICS

### STATE SUPREME COURT HANDS DOWN TWO DECISIONS.

## RIGHTS OF VARIOUS PARTIES

### Taft Men Placed as Republicans and Roosevelt Admirers Will Be on the Ticket as Progressives.

The state supreme court handed down a unanimous decision holding that the six Taft electors chosen by the republican state committee, together with the two republican electors chosen at the spring primaries who remained loyal to Taft are entitled to the designation "republican" on the ballot in the general election and to a place at the top of the ballot. The decision of the district court in a case brought by the Taft men seeking to deny the Roosevelt men the uses of the name "republican" was upheld by the supreme court. Secretary of State Wait ordered the county clerks of the various counties to proceed with the printing of the ballots for the general election and place the names of the Taft electors at the head of the list with the designation, "republican." The Roosevelt electors chosen in the state primaries go at the bottom and are labeled "progressive."

### The Morrissy Case.

The court also handed down a decision in the Morrissy case. The lower court is upheld and the right given to the third party for a place on the November ballot. Thus all parties will now be given opportunity to vote for those who will represent their wishes in regard to the presidency of the nation.

### Signers of Statement No. 1.

Of the candidates of the two big parties for the legislature, 232 have signed statement No. 1, agreeing to vote for the popular choice for United States senator. Where the other thirty stand is not known, according to information from the office of secretary of state, state legislative reference bureau and headquarters of the two political parties.

Of the thirty thus denoted only two members are in the list of candidates for the state senate, T. T. Linkhart of Coleridge and Peter Jansen of Beatrice. The latter was in the last session of the state legislature and went through his campaign without signing this statement. When Senator Elitchcock was formally elected he voted for one of his fellow townsmen for the place. Both of the senatorial candidates who have not signed, are republicans.

In the list of candidates for the house there are sixteen republicans who have failed to notify any of the local sources of their action upon the statement. Eleven democrats are in a similar position. Of the total of thirty who have not yet sent in their decisions, there are twenty-four seats represented, or nine districts where both candidates have failed to give wide-spread expression to their views of the senatorial statement.

### Union Pacific's Report.

The annual report of the Union Pacific railroad for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1912, just filed with the state railway commission, shows that Nebraska business of this road fell off considerably over the fiscal year of 1911. Total passenger earnings for the year reached the sum of \$5,188,137, as compared to \$5,264,881 for the previous year. Freight earnings on state business fell off from \$13,511,955 to \$12,098,367. Total operating revenue was reduced from \$19,059,477 to \$17,554,540.

### Shubert Wants New Station.

The people of Shubert have petitioned the railway commission for better station facilities at that town, which is situated on the Burlington railway. They also want two passenger trains each way. They complain that there is no agent on duty when freight trains arrive in the night.

### Memorial Services.

Memorial services were held in the supreme court in memory of E. C. Calkins, a former supreme court commissioner, who died recently at his home in Kearney. Judge Calkins was appointed supreme court commissioner April 16, 1907, and served in that capacity about two years.

### Upholds Thrasher Case.

The supreme court handed down an opinion in the case of Thrasher against State, the case having been appealed from the district court of Scott's Bluff county, where Thrasher had been convicted for the murder of a 17-year-old girl who had died from the effects of a criminal operation. The case was affirmed.

### Adjusting Telephone Rates.

The readjustment of telephone rates, following the elimination of competition in this state has set the railway commissioners to the particularly arduous task of finding a basis upon which they may determine the investment returns to be allowed companies. The companies assert that they have been pared to a point where the returns were too meager—while the citizens of many of the communities believe they have been inefficiently recompensed for what they have provided.

## NEBRASKA A LEADER

### What Secretary Mellor Says of the Commonwealth.

W. R. Mellor, secretary of the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture, has the following to say of Nebraska: The census figures reveal some striking facts about agricultural progress in Nebraska. During the last decade Nebraska has leaped to fourth in rank in the total amount of farm property, now being exceeded only by Illinois, Iowa and Texas. In its per capita wealth for the people resident on the farms Nebraska is now second in rank, being led only by Iowa, which has \$2,425 per capita, while Nebraska has \$2,360. When compared with other states, Nebraska's farm wealth assumes astounding proportions.

The per capita wealth of the people on the farm in the United States as a whole is \$830; for the great geographical subdivisions of the country it is as follows: New England, \$790; middle Atlantic, \$529; east north central, \$1,172; west north central, \$1,743; South Atlantic, \$324; east south central, \$562; mountain states, \$1,042; Pacific states, \$1,536; Nebraska, \$2,360.

As compared with the corn-belt states Nebraska farmers have \$1,455 more per capita than those of Ohio, \$554 more than Illinois, \$1,198 more than Indiana, \$1,083 more than Missouri, and more than twice as much as the farmers of Kansas, who can count but \$1,775 per capita, according to the 1910 census.

Nebraska farmers now have more property than those of all New England with the addition of New Jersey, Maryland and Virginia; during the last ten years Nebraska farmers have increased their wealth 119 per cent more than those of Ohio, 93 per cent more than those of Indiana, 83 per cent more than Illinois, 121 per cent more than Michigan, 104 per cent more than Wisconsin, 90 per cent more than Minnesota, 76 per cent more than Iowa, 30 per cent more than Missouri and 42 per cent more than Kansas.

The census bureau figures the population of all towns under 2,500 as "rural population," excluding the population of the small towns, Nebraska had 628,408 people on its farms in 1910; the per capita wealth of these people actually on the farms of Nebraska is \$3,600, or \$18,000 per family of five persons. This is \$11,410 per family more than the average wealth of the United States.

The accomplishment of this stupendous result by a little over 500,000 people on the farms of Nebraska is a veritable marvel. The soil of Nebraska is a great reservoir of fertility; the average valuation of farm land is less than \$50 per acre; why should farmers leave Nebraska for Canada, the northwest or southwest in search of opportunity?

### Lower Court Upheld.

Arthur M. Nixon, who was convicted in Richardson county of selling liquor without a license, was defeated in his efforts to secure a reversal in the state supreme court. That tribunal upheld the action of the lower court setting out that if the liquor "looked like whiskey and tasted like whiskey" it was sufficient to sustain a conviction despite the fact that witnesses swore that it had caused no intoxication.

### Stallion Registration Board.

The first annual report of the Nebraska stallion registration board has been issued. Under the new law this board inspects animals used for breeding purposes and certifies as to their pedigree and soundness. Dr. Bostrom, state veterinarian, is president; W. R. Mellor, secretary of the state board of agriculture, is secretary, and A. E. Nelson is assistant secretary. The report contains illustrations showing many common blemishes in bones and feet of stallions that are transmissible to offspring and a discussion of the various diseases of animals, etc.

### Hog Disease Follows Horse Malady.

Farmers in many sections of the state have lost hogs from the epidemic of cholera which is now raging following an outbreak which dates back to the middle of August. Professor Gains of the department of pathology of the state agricultural experiment station has many calls for hog cholera serum and assistants are kept busy sending it to localities where the disease is found. The serum is declared to have proven effective as a preventive. Professor Sturdevant, assistant to Professor Gains, stated that the epidemic is worse this year than for fifteen years. Calls for serum have come from David City, Thompson, Stromsburg, Ord, Dodge, York, Beatrice, Cortland, Leigh, Valparaiso, Adams, Seward, Ogk, Wisner, Amherst, Fairfield, Eagle, Norfolk, McCool, Weeping Water and many other places.

### Fighting Telephone Rates.

Five citizens of York county who are making preparations to fight the raise of telephone rates there called upon the state railway commissioners in an effort to obtain information which will help them in the action. Those who called were C. F. Gilbert, John Doran, A. S. Myers, T. H. Clifford and Charles Myers. They declared that the present rates earn a reasonable return for the owners of the telephone company and that the returns will be even better when the proposed consolidation takes effect.

## GENERAL FELIX DIAZ



Gen. Felix Diaz, whose attempted revolution in Mexico ended suddenly with his capture at Vera Cruz.

## SCUTARI EASY PREY

### TURKISH STRONGHOLD IN NORTHERN ALBANIA A MONTENEGRIN WAR PRIZE.

## ADRIANOPE SEEMS DOOMED

### Defeat of Turks Believed to Be Complete—According to Reports, the Balkan Allies Have Been Victorious at All Points.

London, Oct. 29.—With hundreds of its residents lying dead in the street and thousands facing actual starvation and with its length and breadth swept by fire, Scutari, the Turkish stronghold in northern Albania, was Sunday a Montenegrin war prize.

The Montenegrin bombardment has continued without respite. The city has virtually fallen, but the indomitable bravery of the Turkish garrison is prolonging the fearful plight of those within the city's gates, which can only end in surrender or annihilation.

London, Oct. 29.—Adrianope burning, cut off from the main Turkish army at Demotika, near the point of starvation, was still withholding its formal surrender Sunday to the Bulgarians and in so doing is daring complete destruction.

The Bulgarians are bombarding the city from every point of the compass. Every outpost has been taken and Bulgarian troops are within the outer city. Only the inner circle of 24 forts remain intact. Practically all of the public buildings have been razed by fire.

Reports from Sofia and Belgrade indicate that the Turks have been unable to improve their desperate plight in the west. The Servians are in complete control of the cities of Uskub and Kumanova. The Turks who evacuated Uskub and permitted the Servians to take the stronghold without resistance are reassembling forces on the adjacent heights awaiting further Servian advances.

War critics declare that the enveloping campaign of the Balkan allies has succeeded to an extent that has no parallel in the annals of modern warfare. Not a single Turkish victory of importance has been recorded.

Belgrade, Oct. 28.—With the capture of Uskub the main strength of the Ottoman troops in the province of Macedonia was broken Sunday. The Servians, while pushing ahead for Adrianope, are arming the Macedonians with war accoutrements taken from the Turks and leaving officers to drill them.

The Turks were so hotly pursued after the battle of Kumanova that they did not stop at Uskub, but fled further south, killing women, children and old men.

## BECKER IS HOPELESS

### NO LONGER EXPECTS TO GET A NEW TRIAL.

### Former New York Police Official Regrets That He Did Not Testify in His Case.

New York, Oct. 29.—In a statement issued from his cell Charles Becker, the former lieutenant of police, convicted of the murder of Herman Rosenthal, stated that now he is sorry he had not gone on the witness stand during his trial and said he had little hope of securing a reversal of the verdict which consigns him to the electric chair.

He repeated his statement that he had no connection with the murder and charged that the informers, Rose, Vallon and Welber, not only engineered the crime, but had planned to murder another gambler. The plot had miscarried, he added.

"I am no longer optimistic that my lawyer will get me a new trial," said Becker. "I might say that I am hopeless of a successful appeal."

"It is a case of railroad me to the chair," declared Becker.

"The judges of the court of appeals are only human. I do not know that I will get another trial."

Mrs. Becker, who was with him, burst into tears. She plans to be a daily visitor at the Tombs, pending the appeal.

## SHIP BURNS; EIGHTEEN DIE

### Twenty-Two Others of Crew of Blazing Steamer Are Rescued Off Brazilian Coast.

New York, Oct. 26.—The steamship Aslatie Prince, arriving here from Brazilian ports, reported the rescue of thirteen men from the burning steamship Fagundes Varela, sighted off the Brazilian coast on the morning of October 7. The ship caught fire from chemicals in her hold. There were forty-one aboard, eighteen of whom were drowned and nine of whom were picked up by another vessel. The eighteen men rescued from the water by the Aslatie Prince were landed at Macao, Brazil.

## CONVICTS SET PRISON AFIRE

### Revenge for Punishment in Recent Riots Causes Burning of Twine Factory.

Jackson, Mich., Oct. 27.—Fire destroyed the binder twine warehouse inside the walls of the state prison here on Thursday. The building contained more than 500 tons of sisal stock, and as the state carries no insurance, the loss will be heavy.

Prison guards expressed the belief that convicts had set the warehouse on fire in revenge for the punishment inflicted upon them as a result of the prison riots several weeks ago.

### German Riots More Violent.

Berlin, Germany, Oct. 26.—"Dear food" riots increased in violence here Thursday. About 2,000 women raided a butcher shop in the Wedding district, demolished the premises and stole the meat.

## DEATH DRAWS NEAR

### VICE-PRESIDENT SHERMAN DYING AT HIS HOME IN UTICA, N. Y.

## END EXPECTED IN 48 HOURS

### Relapse Occurred on Friday, October 25, While Slowly Recovering From Illness—Family Assembled at Residence—Patient is Conscious.

Utica, N. Y., Oct. 30.—Waging a hopeless fight for life against Bright's disease and a greatly weakened heart, Vice-President James Schoolcraft Sherman was at the point of death Monday. He may survive another forty-eight hours, but it is improbable that his greatly weakened vitality can sustain him beyond that length of time. At the vice-president's bedside were Dr. F. H. Peck, his personal physician, and Dr. William Elmer of Syracuse, while Dr. Theodore Janeway of New York city was brought into close touch with the consulting physicians by means of the long distance telephone.

Not until Monday night would Doctor Peck admit Mr. Sherman's condition critical. Sunday night the physician stated that the vice-president was resting comfortably. Monday the fact was revealed that Mr. Sherman suffered a relapse October 25 and that since that time his life has been hanging by a slender thread.

The secretiveness of the physicians was undoubtedly inspired by a desire to hide the true situation regarding Mr. Sherman's illness in the closing hours of the campaign in which he is a candidate for re-election to the second highest office in the land.

When the fact was revealed from an authoritative source that the vice-president was undoubtedly on his death bed the community was shocked for none of the local newspapers printed anything which made plain the critical condition in which Mr. Sherman lies.

In the Sherman home on upper Genesee street the members of the vice-president's family are assembled, awaiting the summons which it is feared cannot be long deferred.

Doctor Peck announced that his distinguished patient was resting more comfortably than he had in the preceding twenty-four hours but beyond this he made no statement. The vice-president suffers greatly from his affliction of the kidneys and his inability to breathe. Stimulants to accelerate the heart action are frequently administered and remedies to allay the constant agonizing pain are also given at safe intervals. The vice-president is perfectly rational and bears his intense sufferings with fortitude.

Mr. Sherman's illness dates from last spring, when by direction of his Washington physician he left the national capital and returned to his home in this city in hope of restoring his shattered health. With the exception of periodical gains which generally ended in relapses his fight has been a hopeless one from the start.

At 11:30 o'clock Monday night it was stated at the Sherman home that the vice-president was resting comfortably.

Doctors Peck and Elmer issued the following statement on the vice-president's condition:

"In answer to the many inquiries from all quarters the following statement is made: "After consultation tonight in case of Vice-President Sherman the diagnosis of weak heart muscles, the result of overwork, with some kidney involvement is confirmed."

## EDITOR SUED BY ROOSEVELT

### Files Action Against George A. Newett of Ishpeming, Mich., for \$5,000 Libel Damages.

Marquette, Mich., Oct. 28.—Civil suit for \$5,000 libel damages and criminal action have been instituted by Col. Theodore Roosevelt in the circuit court here against George A. Newett, publisher of the Weekly Iron Ore of Ishpeming, Mich. In the October 12 issue appeared an article, "The Roosevelt Way," which, it is claimed, stated: "Roosevelt lies and curses in a most disgusting way. He gets drunk, too, and that not infrequently, and all his intimates know about it." Attorney James H. Pond of Detroit has been retained by the Progressive candidate to press the action.

Marquette, Mich., Oct. 28.—George A. Newett, editor of the Ishpeming Iron Ore, who has been sued by Col. Theodore Roosevelt for criminal libel and damages of \$10,000, was arrested here Friday. His bail was fixed at \$2,000. The arrest was on a capias.

### 6,000 Mohammedans in Revolt.

Peking, China, Oct. 30.—Six thousand Mohammedans in Soping, northern Shansi, revolted Monday, declaring their independence.

### Bind and Rob Girl Cashier in New York.

New York, Oct. 30.—Three men, operating in daylight, entered an office of the Prudential Life Insurance company in Brooklyn Monday, bound and gagged Miss Alice Brenneis, the cashier, and escaped with \$5,000.

### Two Men Fatally Hurt.

Rockford, Ill., Oct. 30.—David Carlsson and Eric Swanson were injured fatally Monday when they appropriated the motorcycle of a friend for a joy ride, and after going back collided head-on with a street car.

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